

A Resolution

EXPRESSING the support of the Loudoun County Democratic Committee to Verizon workers that are on strike to receive a fair return on their work.

WHEREAS, Verizon has been very profitable over the past several years, yet they want their workers to work harder for less pay and benefits, including: reduction in retirement, reduction in benefits to employees injured on the job, and more expensive health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, From 2008 to 2013, Verizon received tax refunds of \$732 million from the IRS (a corporate income tax rate of minus two percent), and in 2012, offshore tax havens received \$1.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, Verizon has been training non-union employees to take over in case of a work stoppage, and over the past several years, Verizon has been contracting out work to non-union members; and

WHEREAS, Verizon received tax breaks and rate hikes in exchange for expanding FiOS that provides high-speed Internet, phone and video connection; however, Verizon is actually limiting the expansion of its FiOS service. Concern exists that Verizon does not want to invest in workers to service the additional FiOS service, and that Verizon is concentrating any expansion in affluent city suburbs while leaving low-income, urban areas behind, and that Verizon is allowing maintenance on their copper or landline network to deteriorate, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED on this the 5th day of May, 2016, the Loudoun County Democratic Committee stands with the working men and women at Verizon and their unions. We expect the strike will be resolved quickly and that the Verizon workers will share in the profitability of the business and be allowed to protect their livelihoods with family-sustaining jobs.